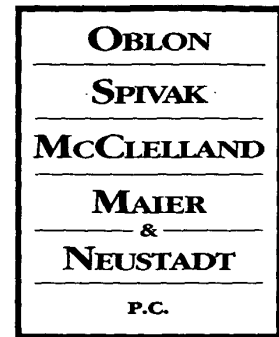




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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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This communication is responsive to the final Official Action dated May 16, 2003.

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 are presently active. Claims 3, 4, and 7-13 having been previously withdrawn from consideration.

In the outstanding final Office Action, Claims 1-2 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Figure 29 in view of Tsukada et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,266,825).

Firstly, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of Examiner Mandala and Supervisory Patent Examiner Flynn to conduct an interview on this case on June 5, 2003. During the interview, the issues identified in the outstanding Office Action were discussed. Applicants' representative discussed why the teachings in Tsukada et al for an offset are directed to offsets between the drain (or source) electrode and the first and second gates, and

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therefore are not related to the recited second part of the drain region defined in Claim 1. As indicated on the Interview Summary Sheet, an agreement was reached that the prior art reference of Tsukada et al was not teaching the same material as thought in the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection, and that the rejection would be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Claim 1 and Claims 2 and 5-6 which depend from Claim 1 are believed to patentably define over the applied prior art.

Further, it is requested that non-elected Claims 3, 4, and 7-11 which depend from Claim 1 be rejoined and allowed due to their dependence on Claim 1.

Consequently in view of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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